

## **Editorial Boards Slam President Trump's Budget: Broken Promises to America's Working Families**

*Yesterday, President Trump released a budget that is full of broken promises to the American people. His budget would make it harder for working Americans to get ahead while cutting taxes for the wealthy. Editorial boards across the country agree that it's a reckless proposal that would harm Americans and their families:*

**Detroit Free Press:** [Trump Budget Leaves Working Class Base Behind](#)

"If blue-collar Americans battered by global competition and automation imagined that President Donald Trump would harness the resources of the federal government to improve their lot, the **budget the White House plans to propose to Congress today should disabuse them of that delusion.**"

**New Jersey Star-Ledger:** [Meatloaf Again: Christie Meekly Accepts Trump's Medicaid Cuts](#)

"In reality, Trump is doing what many predicted all along: **Breaking his promise to the working class.** At campaign rallies, he pledged to put their interests first. He promised, again and again, to 'save' Medicaid, along with Medicare and Social Security. But today he's gutting Medicaid. And for what? To give a gigantic tax cut to the rich."

**The Kansas City Star:** [Trump Budget Replicates Disastrous Kansas Approach. This Won't End Well.](#)

"The Trump budget cuts **Medicaid in half over 10 years, whacks at food stamps, cuts welfare payments, squeezes disability payments and decimates a handful of lesser programs.** Kansans know what happens next. It's ugly."

**Houston Chronicle:** [No Help from Trump](#)

"Every line of that budget seems to slash those irreplaceable programs that help keep people upright and moving when the rest of their world starts to fall apart. **Programs that Trump once swore he'd never touch - Medicaid and Social Security Disability - are now subject to his reaper. A man who promised to care for blue-collar workers and returning veterans now takes aim at a social safety net that provides a last line of defense in a changing global economy....** [T]he programs that encourage people to join the workforce, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, suffer a blow under Trump's budget."

**Sacramento Bee:** [Trump Meets the Pope While His Budget Threatens the Least of Us](#)

"School lunches, Head Start, legal aid, Meals on Wheels, nursing home care, public housing, student aid, mental health care, rural health, job training, low-income energy assistance – all would be ravaged. Many of the cuts would be especially harsh in states that were vital to Trump's election."

**The Charlotte Observer:** [The Harsh Budget Americans Voted For](#)

"Trump's budget cuts more than \$800 billion from Medicaid over the next decade. It makes significant cuts to the Children's Health Insurance Program. It cuts \$272 billion from all welfare programs, including food stamps. It makes large cuts to the student loan program for low-income families. The president and Republicans believe such programs encourage dependence on government and discourage people from going out and getting jobs. But the reality is that, in large part, government assistance programs do exactly what they intend: They provide help that's temporary. They reduce child poverty. They encourage work and aspiration. Can these programs be more efficient? Yes, but gutting them isn't how to get there."

*Office of Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer, 5/24/2017*

**Washington Post:** [Another Bad Budget from Trump Targets the Poor](#)

“Yet America’s **poorest and most vulnerable people should be the last group called** upon to sacrifice for the sake of deficit reduction, not the first — and **certainly not the only**... The policy vision it embodied was too upside-down, apparently, even for the conservative Republican majority. That view of the world does not improve through repetition.”

**Baltimore Sun:** [Trump's Assault on Working Voters](#)

“Far from the populist rhetoric on which Mr. Trump campaigned, it represents **a complete reversion to self-serving conservative ideas about ‘makers and takers’ that provide huge benefits to the wealthy and leave the working poor behind.**”

**LA Times:** [Surprise, Surprise: Trump's Budget Punishes the Sick and the Poor While Rewarding the Wealthy](#)

“The crackdown on the neediest and most vulnerable seems even more craven when **considering the billions Trump’s budget would shower** on defense, border security and tax cuts for **high-income Americans**, corporations and partnerships.”

**New York Daily News:** [A Slash-And-Burn Budget](#)

“As President, Trump has delivered a federal budget that **slashes every imaginable form of assistance for said little guy**, even as it delivers billions of new dollars spent on the military and border protection, not to mention huge tax cuts primarily benefiting the wealthy.”

**NorthJersey.com:** [Budget Cuts Include U.S. Heart](#)

“On Tuesday, President Donald Trump’s 2018 proposed budget was unveiled. The president was out of town. Perhaps not a bad idea. This will be a very hard sell. To Congress. To the American people... The poor and the elderly don’t pay as much taxes as the 1 or 2 percent, but their needs are just as real. Federal budgets are a mixture of politics and policy competing for a finite amount of revenue. But Congress must not lose sight of the most important part of the American treasury: Americans. All Americans. **A budget without a heart should be dead on arrival.**”

**New York Times:** [A Budget That Promises Little but Pain](#)

“The budget is a **naked appeal to far-right Republicans aiming for a partisan rallying cry**, even as a legislative victory most likely remains out of reach.”

**Bloomberg View:** [Trump's Budget Is a Waste of Everybody's Time](#)

“Trump’s budget has been almost universally called dead on arrival. That may be an understatement. This plan, if you can call it that, **was never capable of life**... This budget serves no such purpose. It is simply an extended tweet, and **a waste of everybody’s time.**”

**Financial Times:** [Trump’s Implausible Plan for the US Budget](#)

“Unfortunately, even for those who share its goals, it fails to meet the minimum test of seriousness. The budget relies on assumptions for economic growth that are highly ambitious relative to independent forecasts. It suggests cuts to social programmes that are almost certainly politically unworkable. And it appears to contain a basic accounting error arising from its incorporation of the benefits but not the costs of a separate tax plan.”